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1. SUMMARY: PARTY DAILY NEPSZABADSAG AND GOH DAILY MAGYAR HIRLAP CARRIED AUTHORITATIVE EDITORIALS JUNE 1-2 ON EVENTS SURROUNDING SYRIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH EARLIER SILENCE RE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ROLE IN ARRANGEMENT HAS NOW BEEN BROKEN, LION'S SHARE OF CREDIT STILL GIVEN TO "STABLE LASTING COOPERATION BETWEEN SOVIET UNION, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND ARAB PROGRESSIVE FORCES".

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END SUMMARY.

- 2. NEPSZABADSAG TERMS SECRETARY "ONE OF MOST EXTRAORDINARILY EXPERIENCED CAPITALIST DIPLOMATS OF OUR AGE" BUT SAYS IT WOULD BE EXAGGERATION TO CREDIT TROOP SEPARATION AGREEMENT TO HIS LATEST TRAVELS. CLAIMS THAT SECRETARY, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN INTERESTS. COULD NOT SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM INTERESTS OF "OIL MONOPOLIES" AND HAD TO RECOGNIZE REDUCTION IN US BARGAINING POWER AS RESULT OF WP-MIDEAST RELATIONS AND "ISRAELI WAR-WEARINESS". ARTICLE ADDS THAT SYRIA HAD TO TALK TO US IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE ISRAEL BUT THAT "SYRIA KNEW THAT TALKS WITH WASHINGTON WOULD ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL IF IT RELIED ON SOVIET UNION FOR HELP". NEPSZABADSAG SAID THAT LATEST AGREEMENT PROOF THAT "NO SETTLEMENT IN AREA IN 1970'S POSSIBLE WITHOUT USSR".
- 3. TO THOSE CRITICAL OF PRESIDENT'S FORTHCOMING TRIP
 TO MOSCOW DURING WATERGATE PROCEEDINGS, NEPSZABADSAG
 MADE POINT THAT SETTLEMENT PROOF THAT "DOMESTIC
 SITUATION IN US DOES NOT PREVENT AGREEMENTS IN MIDDLE
 EAST OR MOSCOW". ADDS THAT FORTUNATELY SYRIA DID NOT
 LISTEN TO THOSE ANTI-SOVIET ARABS WHO COUNSELED AGAINST
 COLLABORATION WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THEREBY SUPPORTING
 "IMPERIALISM AND INTERNATIONAL OIL MONOPOLIES".
- 4. MAGYAR HIRLAP CLAIMS THAT "ALL UNBIASED PRESS COMMENTATORS ADMITTED THAT DECISIVE ROLE (IN AGREEMENT) PLAYED BY FONMIN GROMYKO".
- 5. ARTICLES PROBABLY REPRESENT CRYSTALIZATION OF MOSCOW "LINE" REGARDING MIDEAST SETTLEMENT AND ROLES PLAYED BY US AND USSR IN REACHING AGREEMENT. INTERESTING TO NOTE TIE-IN BETWEEN SETTLEMENT IN MIDEAST AND INDIRECT REPLY TO THOSE OF PRESIDENT'S CRITICS OPPOSED TO HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW DURING PERIOD OF DOMESTIC CRISIS. PEDERSEN

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